

DIRECT SERVICES THAT WORK FOR YOU

Our 13th Congressional District Neighborhood Service Centers change lives today. Through them, our office can help make sure agencies and programs within our government are working for you now. I hope the stories below inspire you and encourage you to reach out for help when you need it. Success stories that will inspire you!

COLLEGE DEBT

One of our disabled veterans could not maintain his quality of life due to \$121,000 in student loan debt. We advocated and successfully got the debt forgiven by the U.S. Department of Education. This financial relief will help him focus on his health and well-being.

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

A resident applied for disabled widow benefits and was approved in 2017. However, due to an administrative error, she still had not received her benefits in 2019. Our office contacted the Social Security Administration about this and got more than \$50,000 in benefits owed returned to her.

HONORING OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

A resident called us after he lost his father, who was a veteran. The family could not find his discharge papers to have military honors at the funeral, which was a week away. Our office was able to get ahold of the VA and expedited the inquiry for the discharge forms so that they could have the military honors his father deserved at the funeral.

The Neighborhood Service Centers are here to serve you so please connect with us for help.

Detroit Central Service Center (313) 463-6220

7700 Second Ave., Detroit, MI 48202
Hours: Monday through Friday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Downriver Service Center (313) 203-7540

10600 W. Jefferson Ave., Room 207
(second floor), River Rouge, MI 48218
Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Detroit East Side Service Center (313) 550-4649

4401 Conner St., Detroit, MI 48215
Hours: Tuesday | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Western Wayne Service Center (313) 938-2340

26215 Trowbridge St., Inkster, MI 48141
Hours: Monday, Wednesday
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

TOUR REQUESTS

If you are planning a trip to Washington, D.C., you can request tickets to visit the U.S. Capitol and other sites such as Library of Congress, Supreme Court, and White House by contacting my office. All tickets are provided on a first-come, first-serve basis. Due to the large number of visitors, please request them as early as possible in order to maximize your chances. Requests can be made online through our website at: tlaib.house.gov/services/tours-and-tickets, or by contacting our office at (202) 225-5126.

CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

Each spring, our office hosts the 13th Congressional District Art Competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the district. The Congressional Art Competition is open to all high school students in the district. The winning artwork of our district's competition will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol. Please contact our Central Neighborhood Service Center to learn more about the 2020 Congressional Art Competition.

CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE

Every year, I challenge students in our district to create and submit an original app idea for a chance to win the Congressional App Challenge. Winners will receive public recognition and the winning app will be placed on display in the U.S. Capitol building for one year. If you are a student in the 13th Congressional District and would like to apply for the 2020 Congressional App Challenge, contact our Neighborhood Service Center.

SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

As your Congresswoman, I have the privilege of nominating deserving students or residents from our community to four of the five service academies. The honor of attending a service academy comes with an obligation and commitment to serve in the military for a minimum of five years upon graduation. To learn more about the nomination process or request a nomination, please contact our Central Neighborhood Service Center.

SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY: APPLY FOR AN INTERNSHIP AT HOME OR IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

To apply for an internship in one of our Neighborhood Service Centers, please email a resume and cover letter attached as a PDF file to Rashida.Internships@mail.house.gov or contact our Central Neighborhood Service Center.

Focusing on You and Your Family

- **14 Bills Introduced, 400 Bills Cosponsored**
- **Engaged with over 1,000 Residents at 40+ Events Including:**
 - 14 Coffee, Congress & Conversation Events
 - 4 Town Hall Meetings on Issues such as Auto Insurance
 - 9 Housing Center Visits
- **Connected with Hundreds of Students at 17 Different Schools**
- **Served 800+ Constituents, Covering 1,200+ Miles in the District**
- **Half a Million Dollars Returned to the 13th District Residents**
- **Paddled 5 Miles of the Rouge River**
- **14,000+ Constituent Letters Answered**

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Did you know about flag requests?

Did you know that you can purchase a United States flag that has been flown over the Capitol? Flags are flown daily year-round, weather permitting, excluding Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. After it is flown over the Capitol, each flag is issued a keepsake Certificate of Authenticity by the Architect of the Capitol.

If you would like to order a U.S. flag from our office and have it flown over the Capitol, please use the flag order form found on our website at tlaib.house.gov/services/flags to calculate the price and shipping costs. Please contact my office at (313) 463-6220 for more information or to have an order form mailed to you.



U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
RASHIDA TLAIB

ALWAYS ROOTED IN COMMUNITY

Dear 13th District Strong Neighbor,

This year has been all about you and raising the bar of what you expect from your member of Congress. As your voice in Congress, I am focused on putting you and your family first. This is why I set out to deliver not only passion and advocacy in Washington, D.C. on issues important to you, but also worked extremely hard to create **the most effective constituent services program of any office.**

In 2019, **we created four neighborhood service centers throughout the district**—in Downriver, Western Wayne and Detroit communities. It is our mission to ensure that you have access to solutions for everyday issues today while we work to pass meaningful legislation that will leave a long-lasting impact on our lives and future generations to come.

As we approach the holidays, my team and I hope you take a moment to surround yourselves with loved ones and refuel your spirit. I know I am grateful to be surrounded by your strength and desire for a better world, one that recognizes the need for economic, racial and environmental justice.

It is an honor to serve you and families across this incredibly strong and resilient community. Thank you for continuing to inspire me to work harder.

In this newsletter, you will find information that will help keep you engaged and ensure you have access to resources you need today.

Thank you for your faith in the work we are doing and for the honor of serving you in Congress.



Always fighting for us all,

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While on the Rouge River, Congresswoman Tlaib and Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (MI) discuss environmental policy, including the Clean Water Act, and its impact on our waterways. The Clean Water Act was essential in helping to clean the Rouge River in the 13th Congressional District.

Legislation that Works for All of Us



Congresswoman Tlaib chairs a Financial Services Committee hearing about housing and federal housing loans to increase homeownership.

IN 12 MONTHS, WE HAVE:



Exposed the car insurance industry's discrimination and greedy practices

- Held a congressional hearing that pushed back against their lies
- Two bills introduced to prohibit auto insurance discrimination and bring down costs



Demanded for our right to clean air and water to be fulfilled

- First-ever congressional field hearing on environmental injustices held in our district that showed the harm to our public health and need for accountability of corporate polluters like Marathon Oil, U.S. Steel, AK Steel and more



Demanded that our government be for people, not corporations

- Pushed for repealing tax giveaways for billionaires and big developers
- Called for investigations into corruption that diverted our tax dollars to political donors instead of the intended communities who needed it most
- Bill introduced that demands CEO's pay their fair share in taxes if they don't pay their workers enough



Fought for more investment for home ownership, renter protections, and to stop foreclosures

- Congressional hearing on the housing crisis where local organizations offered solutions that would increase home ownership throughout the district, hold landlords accountable to laws, and prevent another tax foreclosure crisis in Wayne County

Here is a list of bills I've introduced on behalf of the residents of the 13th Congressional District:

For a full list of bills I've introduced and co-sponsored, please visit www.congress.gov

FIGHTING AGAINST POVERTY AND HARMFUL PRACTICES

Building Our Opportunities to Survive and Thrive (BOOST) Act (H.R. 3590)

The BOOST Act provides families with a tax credit up to \$6,000 per year. According to the People's Policy Project, this bill would cut the poverty rate in the U.S. by 45%¹ and help more than 64 million children² according to the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy. The BOOST Act shows us how we can combat poverty by putting people before corporations.

Restoring Unfairly Impaired Credit and Protecting Consumers Act (H.R. 3622)

Instead of debt being on your credit report for seven years, this bill would reduce it to only four years, which would help so many of our neighbors who are held back from economic opportunities. It would also prohibit medically-necessary debt from being placed on credit reports and provides tools to protect residents from identity theft and fraud.

Opportunity Zones Repeal Act (H.R. 5252)

This bill would repeal opportunity zones, a tax giveaway for wealthy developers and political donors. Too many low-income communities meant to be helped by this tax code provision were intentionally left out in an effort to help billionaires. I will be proposing legislation using the savings from eliminating this wasteful tax giveaway to fund sustainable, affordable housing development that promotes housing trust funds and community land trusts that will ensure everyone is included.

Preventing Credit Score Discrimination in Auto Insurance Act (H.R. 1756)

When it comes to auto insurance, your credit score has nothing to do with how good of a driver you are—yet auto insurance companies use it to set sky-high rates. This practice discriminates against our working folks who may not have access to credit. That's why I introduced this bill prohibiting the use of credit scores when setting auto insurance rates.

Payee Anti-Fraud Act (H.R. 5214)

We've seen many of our retirees and seniors taken advantage of—enough is enough. This bipartisan legislation will fight back and hold unscrupulous caretakers who misuse retiree benefits accountable.

Prohibit Auto Insurance Discrimination (PAID) Act (H.R. 3963)

According to a study by University of Michigan's Poverty Solutions, insurance rates in Michigan push more of us into the cycle of poverty. Your gender, marital status, credit score, and occupation should not be used in determining eligibility or rates for auto insurance. It is a form of discrimination. This bill makes it unlawful for auto insurance providers to use a wide range of non-driving factors when determining eligibility or rates for auto insurance.

Tax Excessive CEO Pay Act (H.R. 5066)

Currently, wealthy CEOs and corporations are not paying their fair share in taxes while they make exorbitant pay. This is happening while many of their employees are forced to obtain public assistance because of low wages and unaffordable health care. This is unjust and simply wrong. This bill requires CEOs to pay their fair share in taxes when their salary is 50 times more than their own workers.

Protecting Consumers from Market Manipulation Act (H.R. 5180)

This bill prohibits large non-financial companies from obtaining more than 5% of their revenue from financial activity. The bill also limits ownership of commodities by commercial banks, repeals the authority that allows banks to make large equity investments in commercial companies, as recommended by the Federal Reserve, and requires the Federal Reserve and Financial Stability Oversight Council to conduct a study into the financial stability and monetary policy implications of digital currencies.

WATER IS A HUMAN RIGHT AND WE DESERVE TO BREATHE CLEAN AIR

Petroleum Coke Transparency and Public Health Protection Act (H.R. 1675)

Petroleum coke is toxic and we can't afford it to be openly stored near our waterways or neighborhoods, harming our environment and endangering our public health. This bill will require a study to be administered on the public health and environmental impacts of the production, transportation, storage, and use of pet coke. This is an important step in moving toward classifying pet coke as a toxic substance.

Standing Against Dirty Diplomacy (SADD) Act (H.R. 2813)

This bill would end all U.S. taxpayer subsidies for overseas dirty energy projects that do not meet the climate safeguards set by former President Obama. Ending these subsidies for carbon-intensive dirty energy projects is crucial for making international progress in the fight against climate change. We deserve clean air.

PROTECTING OUR RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY

Federal Moratorium on Facial Recognition Technology Act (H.R. 3875)

This bill prohibits Federal funding from being used for the purchase or use of facial recognition technology. This technology is flawed and has been proven to discriminate against people of color.

No Biometric Barriers to Housing Act (H.R. 4008)

This bill prohibits the use of biometric recognition technology and biometric data analysis in certain federally dwelling units and public housing. It also requires HUD to report to Congress on the use and impact of biometric recognition technology.

Inquiring whether the House of Representatives should impeach Donald John Trump, President of the United States of America (H. Res. 257)

This resolution, introduced earlier in the year, calls for an impeachment inquiry into the actions of President Donald Trump.



Congresswoman Tlaib joins veterans on Capitol Hill to talk about accountability in our government and the need to focus on issues impacting veterans and their families.

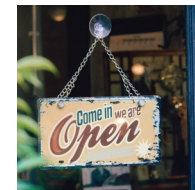
Constituent Service Programs

Helping you and your family with everyday issues through our 13th Congressional District Neighborhood Service Centers is critical to helping transform our district and impact our communities. If you need any assistance with a federal, state or local agency, please do not hesitate to contact any of our four service centers.



Veterans Assistance

Our office is here to assist the many brave men and women who have served our country. If you have a question about veterans benefits or services, please contact our Neighborhood Service Center (Central or Wayne) for assistance. We are proud to offer our support to the veterans of the 13th Congressional District.



Small Business Assistance

Small businesses are the economic engines of our neighborhoods and communities, and their success is critical to the prosperity of our district. Please contact our office to obtain information regarding small business loans, government contract opportunities, and grants. We want to help support our local small businesses that make our communities thrive and prosper.



Senior Services and Social Security

The 13th Congressional District has a very large and active senior community and our office wants to make sure our seniors are protected. If you have any questions or concerns related to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, or any other issue, please do not hesitate to contact our office.



Federal Grants

One of our top priorities for the 13th Congressional District is bringing back resources to the district. Contact our Central Office to learn more about local funding or federal grant opportunities to help grow your organization, municipality, or community.



Passport and Immigration Services

The 13th Congressional District is a diverse community with families from many different backgrounds. If you have a concern about visas or citizenship, please contact our Central or Downriver Neighborhood Service Center. Our office, on the 4th Friday of every month, hosts a Citizenship Day to help you and your family obtain your permanent residency. Please contact our Downriver office to schedule your appointment and learn more. If you need assistance obtaining a passport, please contact the Central Neighborhood Service Center.



Student Services

Our office is ready to help our students excel in whatever path they choose to take in their school careers or professional development. Please contact us for assistance in applying to one of the nation's prestigious service academies, navigating the student loan system, or applying for a congressional internship in our District or Washington, D.C. offices.



Access to Human Services and Organizations

Our Neighborhood Service Centers are critical to helping change lives today. We are here to work for you and your family, so please do not hesitate to contact us. Whether you need help with tax foreclosure prevention, utility assistance, blight or more, our center are here to serve you. Our doors will always be open to you.

1. People's Policy Project, Matt Bruenig - <https://www.peoplespolicyproject.org/2019/06/10/the-lift-credit-cuts-poverty-by-45-percent/>
2. Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, Steve Wamhoff - <https://itep.org/rep-tlaib-tax-credit-proposal-is-most-expansive-to-date/>